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# **TTCF Spans Pacific with Investment in Ruga Inc.**

## **Media release:**

**19 April 2010: The Trans Tasman Commercialisation Fund (TTCF)** announced today that it has invested in US based therapeutics company Ruga Corporation.

Ruga Corporation is an innovative private biopharmaceutical company focused on development of novel targeted therapeutics in Oncology, focusing on Tumour Metabolism and Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress Pathways.

The company is a spin out from Stanford University based on collaborative research between cell biologists from Stanford and the world renowned medicinal chemistry team at The University of Auckland.

Ruga is TTCF's first Trans Pacific deal.

Senior Investment Manager, Dr. Andrew O'Brien, said that 'TTCF is delighted to be an investor in Ruga. This deal highlights the significant and tangible benefits of Trans Pacific collaboration in both research and investment'.

### **About the Trans Tasman Commercialisation Fund (TTCF)**

The TTCF is an open end fund, currently with A\$30million under management. The fund is a result of the collaboration between leading Universities: Monash University (Victoria), The University of Adelaide, Flinders University, The University of South Australia (South Australia) and The University of Auckland (New Zealand), respective State and Federal governments and Westscheme, Western Australia's largest non-government Superannuation Fund. The TTCF works closely with the collaborating universities' technology transfer offices to develop and assess the commercial application of technologies as "seed" investment opportunities. The technology can be in any sector, including but not limited to life sciences, information and communications technology, as well as engineering/cleantech.

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